

SENATE WATCH

A summary of today's Senate actions; published daily when the Senate is in session.

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FINAL PASSAGE

SB 275 (Brown)

Senate Bill 275 would permit Coldwater to modify the boundaries of the renaissance zone to include a parcel of property owned by the Klein Group. This piece of property was originally thought to have been included in the renaissance zone.

• SB 275 passed [RC 517: 37 yes, 0 no].

SB 612 (Toy)

Senate Bill 612 would allow Consumers Energy to continue their Appliance Service Program by exempting a utility's repair and servicing program from the code of conduct if it has less than 30% of the market share for repair and servicing of heating and cooling systems within its service area.

Support: Consumers Energy, AFL-CIO, Utility Workers Council, DTE Energy, Michigan Chamber of Commerce, Michigan Manufacturers Association.

Oppose: Michigan Alliance for Fair Competition, Small Business Association of Michigan, National Federation of Independent Businesses, Allied Businesses Advocating Tariff Equity (ABATE), Michigan Association of Home Builders.

• SB 612 passed [RC 521: 33 yes, 4 no (GOP)].

SB 771 (EMERSON)

The bill would give an emergency financial manager additional powers during a financial emergency.

- Emerson 1 (S-1) was adopted [no RC].
- Emerson 1A (2 amends) was adopted [no RC]. If the financial manager determines that criminal conduct contributed to the financial emergency, then s/he is required to refer the matter to the attorney general.
- SB 771 was moved to 3rd Reading.
- SB 771 passed [RC 522: 37 yes, 0 no].

HB 4714 (Farhat)

House Bill 4717 would require the Department of Education to collaborate with statewide associations of school principals to establish a principal leadership academy. The academy would use successful principals to train principals.

• HB 4714 passed with IE [RC 519: 37 yes, 0 no].

HB 4872 (TOBOCMAN)

House Bill 4872 would provide homeowners in Corktown with the property tax reductions they were promised when they purchased property in the neighborhood enterprise zone.

Support: Department of Treasury, Corktown Citizen District Council.

• HB 4872 passed with IE [RC 518: 37 yes, 0 no].

HB 4907 (Stahl)

House Bill 4907 would revise provisions regulating accelerated life insurance benefits, which are typically paid prior to death. The bill would acknowledge the expanded options offered by life insurance companies by expanding the qualifications that allow a policyholder to make use of accelerated benefits. The bill would provide greater consumer protection by requiring certain disclosures of the financial implications of purchasing accelerated benefits, and requiring that premiums be based on sound acturarial priciples. [The bill has been reintroduced from the last session which was HB 6491. The bill is identical to SB 116 (Van Woerkom).]

Support: Office of Financial and Insurance Services, Life Insurance Association of Michigan.

• HB 4907 passed with IE [RC 520: 37 yes, 0 no].

THIRD READING

SB 712 (CHERRY)

The bill would increase the number of individuals a licensed used or secondhand vehicle parts dealer or foreign salvage vehicle dealer may have licensed as a salvage vehicle agent from two to four.

• SB 712 was moved to 3rd Reading. No amendments.